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Comments: Richmond is a city of trees, admired by one and all. However, they can be a "problem" when storms, heavy rains, high winds, hurricanes and tornadoes visit the city. Actuallly, the real problems are the utility lines that have lined our streets. Necessary, yes, but their location needs to be reconsidered. The lines have become a major concern to thousands (and I mean thousands). The cost to the individual homeowner takes many forms. Food must be discarded, heating and cooling systems are moribund (sickness often follows), schooling is disrupted, thousands of batteries are ineffectively used, nerves come loose, appointments can not be kept, tree cleanup costs thousands (tree removal surgeons are expensive) etc. For the utility companes it must be a nightmare. Manpower, local and imported from the ends of the earth (\$\$\$\$). Dissatisfied, belligerent unhappy customers follow. And not just for today but for lingerings forever. Get the powerlines underground. The utilites will recoup their cost within five years or less. If you would like a personal on the effects of overhead power lines please contact my daughter (household of six children) at 804 323 4140 2601 E. Weyburn Rd. Richmond, Va. 23235 (she has given permission for contact).

Let's you all put us all into the 21st century.

William M. Sonnett